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KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Inaugural Ceremonies.

The committee of arrangements for the inauguration of the new state officers will meet in Representative hall at high noon, Monday, January 9, when, after music by the band and a prayer by Rev. W. G. Todd, Chief Justice Horton will administer the oath of office. Following this, speeches will be made by the retiring and incoming governors, after which there will be a musical selection by a glee club. John W. Reid, chairman of the popular list state central committee, will act as master of ceremonies and J. A. Higgins as sergeant-at-arms. In the evening there will be a reception in honor of the new officers. Judge John Martin will be master of ceremonies and responses to toasts will be made by Gov. Lewelling and the other officers, and prominent speakers. After the public reception the state officers will go to their respective rooms in the state house for one hour during the evening and hold receptions of their own. The music will be furnished by an orchestra, thus enabling the young people to wait, if they can find room in the crowd.

Kansas Dairymen.

The dairymen's association, recently in session at Topeka, adopted a resolution that the state of Kansas should make an exhibit of her products and resources at the world's fair at Chicago, and that such exhibition should be made under the direction and control of the legislature and of the state and the expenses, including the reimbursement of private subscribers, should be defrayed from the state treasury. Resolutions were also passed that the dairy products and interests of Kansas should have space and money appropriation as their importance demands; that a member of the association should be appointed upon the board of management, and that an experienced and practical dairyman should be appointed by such board of management or control as superintendent of the dairy exhibit.

A Fatal Illustration.

At the home of William Irons, in Silverdale, Cowley county, the other day Fred Warner, the Missouri Pacific station agent, picked up a revolver that he had laid on a table, and turning to one of the girls, tapped her lightly on the head with the handle and remarked: "That is the way I would kill my girl if she went back on me." Then pointing the revolver at his chest, said: "This is the way I would kill myself then." Just as he made the remark the revolver was discharged and the bullet entered his body, passing through the right lung. He lived about an hour after the shooting. The fatal bullet happened to be the only one in the pistol, the remaining chambers being empty. Young Warner was 26 years old.

Filing Contests.

Judge W. C. Webb, attorney for the populists, has commenced proceedings in the supreme court to contest the election of five republicans to the legislature. The proceedings are in the nature of a mandamus, asking the court to pass upon the technical and constitutional questions raised by the populists, and demanding that a restraining order be issued prohibiting the five republican members from taking their seats upon the certificates of election already issued by the canvassing board. The court will be asked to decide if a person who held the office of postmaster and was elected to the legislature, but resigned after the election, is eligible.

The Reform Press.

The Reform Press association, an organization of people's party editors, closed its annual meeting at Topeka by electing A. A. Stewart, of Manhattan, president; W. H. French, of Kinsley, vice president; and Dr. McFallin, of Topeka, secretary and treasurer. A resolution was adopted that the editors have inside information that the people's party elected a majority of the members of the lower house of the legislature and they believe every lawful and honorable means should be employed to get possession of that body.

Finances to Meet.

The association of officers and members of the legislature of 1898 will have its twenty-fifth anniversary at the state house in Topeka, January 16, 1898, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. All state officers and members of the legislature of 1898 are members of the association and are urgently requested to be present at the meeting. Hon. John M. Price, of Atchison, issues the call and especially requests the attendance of all persons who held state or territorial offices or who were members of the legislature prior to 1898.

Died at His Post.

Bernard Ford, aged fifty years, a lamp lighter for the Missouri Pacific railway, dropped dead the other afternoon, while on duty in the yards at Kansas City, Kan. He was in the act of lighting a switch lamp when he fell and died before any assistance could be rendered him.

Miscellaneous.

Nepoleon Bixby, a transfer man in the employment of the St. Joseph & Grand Island road, was recently killed by the cars at Elwood.

The Woman's Columbian club of Russell is having a fire-place built of Russell county stone in the Kansas building at the world's fair.

The enrollment of students in the Kansas university this year reaches 700, all in regular collegiate courses, an increase of 30 per cent. in the last few years.

Robert Merritt, a colored farmer living about two miles north of Pleasanton, accidentally shot himself the other evening, from which he died instantly. He had been out hunting and his dog and a neighbor's got to fighting. He undertook to separate them by using the breech of his gun, when it was discharged, the contents passing through his head.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

The Panama Canal Scandal Revives a Spark of Life in Bonapartist Dry Bones. PARIS, Dec. 22.—The activity of the royalists in the present crisis in France aroused the jealousy of the imperialist leaders and at a secret conclave they drafted a manifesto addressed to the people of France, urging them to recall the house of Bonaparte to the throne. This awaits the approval of Prince Victor, the present recognized head of the ex-imperial family. He is now in Brussels and the Bonapartist leaders in Paris have sent agents to that city to induce him to sign the manifesto and authorize its publication. He has been living in comparative retirement recently, but has kept a careful watch upon the course of events.



PRINCE VICTOR.

Should the Bonapartists act it is expected that they will attempt to strike a blow in Paris rather than in the provinces. They, like the monarchists, are being carefully watched and every movement is reported to M. Ribot and President Carnot. The proceedings of the secret conclave, at which the manifesto was determined upon, were known to the government almost as soon as the conclave had adjourned and the government is already in possession of the terms of the manifesto.

M. de la Fosse writes to Figaro that the parliamentary republic is ruined and ought to be replaced by a consular republic with Prince Victor Bonaparte as the first consul. The suggestion is looked upon as an attempt to revive the empire through the same process by which the first Napoleon arrived at the throne.

OKLAHOMA STATEHOOD.

Some Chance of Getting Perkins' Measure Through By an Omnibus Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Perkins has introduced a bill to enable the people of Oklahoma and of the Indian territory to form a constitution and state government and to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states and for other purposes.

The bill covers both territories, forming one state, and provides for a constitutional convention, the members of which are to be elected by the people. The convention is to adopt a constitution and submit it to the people and if ratified by them it will be presented to congress, and when approved by congress the work of forming a state is complete.

As estimated by the friends of the new measure, there is a chance to get it through by making a state omnibus bill. This bill is to usher into the union the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma. They estimate that the idea of making a state of Oklahoma will be a popular one, and if the republicans will consent to the admission of the other two the whole thing can be put through. This is the plan that will be adhered to in seeking the best results.

"CRANK" LEGISLATION.

A Peculiar Bill Introduced Into the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—One of those peculiar "crank" bills which occasionally find their way into congress was introduced yesterday by Mr. Mitchell in the senate. Its elaborate title provides for the prohibition of electro magnetism, mesmerizing and hypnotizing human beings, etc., and prescribing punishment. Numerous petitions and documents accompany the bill, and others equally voluminous are referred to. The bill in brief provides that any person who, anywhere within the jurisdiction of the United States shall apply a current of electricity upon a person for the purpose of affecting another, or which does so affect, shall be guilty of a crime punishable by death, and that any person having knowledge of such current having been applied, who fails to notify the proper authorities, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$25,000, or by imprisonment ranging from two years to the period of one's natural life.

HAVOC ON THE TRACK.

A Locomotive Opens Its Valve After Bumping Another and Starts Back on a Career of Destruction.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 22.—A runaway switch engine in the Louisville & Nashville yards shortly before daylight played havoc. Two engines collided and the valve of one of them flew open. The engineer and fireman had jumped off before the collision. The latter engine started backward rapidly with four cars attached. It ran a mile through the yard at a terrific rate. The two switchmen on the cars jumped off. Near Eighteenth street the wild train dashed into another engine with seven coaches attached and the entire outfit was wrecked. Engineer William Harrison, of the last-named engine, was perhaps fatally burned. Fireman Ed Moberly was also badly hurt. Three engines, seven coaches and four cars were wrecked.

All-Night Saloons For New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The excise commissioners have approved the applications of 230 saloon keepers for the privilege of keeping open all night. The all-night license costs \$100, and is distinct from the usual license, which allows the saloons to keep open from 5 a. m. to 1 a. m. The applications must meet the approval of the new board of aldermen, which is regarded as practically assured. The list begins with the saloons nearest the Battery and goes upward. Other batches of applications will be approved and submitted to the board of aldermen later.

BAD WRECK.

Collision on the Gulf Road Near Olathe, Kan.—An Engineer Killed and Many Persons Injured.

OLATHE, Kan., Dec. 22.—The most serious and destructive head-end collision that ever occurred in this section occurred on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad at Lenexa, eight miles northeast of this city, at 11:35 yesterday morning between northbound freight train No. 38 and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas southbound passenger train which runs over the track of the Memphis route from Kansas City to Paola. Engineer Souerland, of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas train, was instantly killed, some persons seriously and many slightly wounded.

The two engines were completely demolished and Souerland was found cut to pieces beneath the ruins. The express and baggage car of the passenger train was torn into splinters. An emigrant car on the freight train, which was attached next to the engine, was torn to pieces and piled upon the ruins of the engines.

Four flat cars loaded with coal were also wrecked. It will take several days to clear the debris away. A track is being built around the wreck and the south bound passengers were transferred on the Olathe suburban train and taken to Paola. North bound trains were in over the Santa Fe.

Among the injured are:

Fireman Boyts of Kansas City, laid out on head and bruises.

C. R. Torry, of Prescott, Kan., badly hurt in back and left leg.

E. G. Torry, of Prescott, Kan., both legs badly crushed.

Mrs. S. A. Robinson, of Akron, Cal., hurt in neck and shoulders.

Route Agent S. R. Beckwith, of Olathe, Kan., badly hurt about shoulders and for a time insensible.

G. E. Chial, of Kansas City, baggage man badly scalded on hands and face.

Charles Goldsledge, traveling paper artist, hurt in ear.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

A Revolutionary Outbreak That May Prove Very Serious—Efforts to Overthrow the Present Administration.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 22.—The storm is coming, and when it breaks it will be over the republic of Mexico. Dispatches are rushing to and fro from the Mexican officials to the United States officers on the frontier, and in the near future there will be a genuine revolution in Mexico. Information was received here that Gen. Estrada, stationed at Mier, about seventy-five miles down the Rio Grande, was missing from his post of duty, and it is thought he has joined the revolutionists, who are marching toward the interior of Mexico. This is another indication that the outlook is very serious for President Diaz.

It is impossible to gain any information from those high in authority, as everyone is under the strictest orders not to make public the telegrams, but this much is positively known, that there was a battle on the 17th, on Mexican soil, near Guerrero, about thirty miles from the river, between the Mexican troops and revolutionists, with a victory for the latter. There were five soldiers killed in the skirmish, the revolutionists completely routing the federal troops, and in a body 499 strong continued on their march toward the interior. When last heard from they were within a few hours' march of the town of Corralito, which is situated fifty miles from the river, near the Candolia mountains and thirty miles from the Mexican National railroad. This information is from an officer whose name is, of course, a secret, and can be vouched for. He states that the Mexican troops down the river have been given orders to march into the interior and that further trouble will come from a powerful influence working for the overthrow of the present administration in Mexico.

It is reported that there is no lacking of funds to carry out the movement. There has been a grand coup made by the revolutionists. They made the raid at San Ignacio on the 10th and did not retreat to this side, but went out into Mexico. Meanwhile the troops were ordered by both countries to the frontier with the expectation of finding them in the chapparal on the Texas side of the river, when in fact they were gathering strength, as they receded towards the mountains in Mexico.

The Nicaragua Canal Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Nicaragua canal bill, which has held the attention of the foreign relations committee since the beginning of the session, has at last been completed and was yesterday favorably reported by its author, Senator Sherman, who gave notice in the senate that he would call it up at an early date and endeavor to secure prompt action upon it. The new bill is drawn on substantially the same lines as the bill reported from the committee to the last congress, including as it does, a proposition to guarantee bonds of the company to the extent of \$100,000,000 to aid in the construction of the canal. The new bill, however, contains some additions which increase the obligations of the company as well as the security of the government.

A Millionaire in Danger.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A warrant for millionaire J. C. Doane for instigating the doctrine of his horses' tails contrary to the Illinois statute, was sworn out by President Shortall, of the Humane society. He is a personal friend of Doane's, but declares that that will not prevent him from prosecuting with vigor. The penalty may be imprisonment for a year in jail.

Missing Word Craze Squelched.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A decision has been handed down in the case of the queen against Pearson's Weekly, one of the papers that was conducting the missing word competitions which were stopped by the court because of the fact that the word competition used in advertising and conducting the scheme was an infringement of the gambling act. When this decision was made the proprietors of the weekly had on hand the money sent in with guesses of one missing word. This sum amounted to \$190,000, and a question arose as to what disposition should be made of it.

THE FULL PENALTY.

Prominent Lumbermen Convicted at St. Joseph of Violating the Inter-State Law and Given the Full Penalty.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 22.—The celebrated cases of the United States against Spooner R. Howell and George W. Howell, of the lumber firm of Howell, Jewett & Co., of Atchison, Kan., and Edward Tibbets for violating the inter-state commerce law, ended in the federal court here yesterday. George Howell and Tibbets were found guilty and were each sentenced by Judge Parker to a year and a half in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$2,000. The case against S. R. Howell was dismissed as it was shown that he was not an active participant in the frauds and probably had nothing to do with them.

In pronouncing sentence on George Howell and Tibbets, Judge Parker took occasion to declare that the offenses which they had committed were of a most flagrant character and that the proof was too conclusive to admit of a doubt as to their guilt.

He also remarked that the full measure of the law should be meted out to the defendants, and said that in view of the gravity of the offense he was sorry he could not make the punishment heavier.

A bill of exceptions was prepared and filed, and will be acted upon next term. Tibbets' bond was reduced to \$2,000. These are the first convictions for violation of the inter-state commerce act in this section.

Probably no firm of wholesale lumber dealers was better known throughout the west than that of Howell, Jewett & Co. With yards at Atchison, Omaha, Chicago and in Texas it completely covered the territory west of the Mississippi. George W. Howell, the general manager of the firm, was in charge of the Atchison yards which did a business of over \$1,000,000 a year. S. R. Howell had charge of the Chicago yards, while Edward Tibbets superintended the yards at Atchison.

In the spring of 1899 the Rock Island officials caused the arrest of each individual member of the firm of Howell, Jewett & Co., except Mr. Jewett, two of their employees, Edward Price and W. D. Matt, and Edward Tibbets on the charge of violating the inter-state commerce law.

The Western Weighing association does the weighing of the freight for all the western railroads, and the Rock Island people claimed that Howell, Jewett & Co. were bribing the association to underweigh their freight. The cases against Pierce and Matt were dismissed and they were used as witnesses for the prosecution.

The specific charge against the Howells and Tibbets was that they had bribed Matt and Pierce and other weighers of the Rock Island at Atchison and that firm was given from 500 to 5,000 pounds less weight on all shipments of lumber to customers in Kansas and Colorado than the shipments actually called for.

It was proved at the trial of the case that in July Tibbets was given sums of money to bribe weighers and switchmen and the latter received \$1.50 to \$2 per car on all cars on which fraudulent rates were reported. Matt and Pierce acknowledged that they accepted money from Tibbets, and by turning state's evidence the defendants escaped punishment themselves. S. R. Howell was not connected with the Atchison or Omaha yards and therefore there existed a doubt as to whether he was guilty. Jewett was also connected with the Chicago yards and there never were any indictments returned against him. The case has been stubbornly fought from the beginning. It is alleged that Howell, Jewett & Co., through the method they employed netted themselves many thousand dollars.

MAULIFFE-BURGE STAKES.

It is More Probable to Be a Pugilist Than President of the United States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—One of the largest purses ever offered for two pugilists since the days of the celebrated fighter, Figg, was hung up last night for Pugilists Jack McAuliffe and Dick Burge by Judge Newton, of the Coney Island Athletic club. The sum of American dollars which the great seaside club offered for the battle is a purse of \$45,000. This latest bid completely overtops the \$30,000 purse which Capt. Williams, of the Crescent City club of New Orleans, made for the fighters.

The purse was extended for the two lightweights for their acceptance at the St. James cafe. The only persons present were McAuliffe, Eddie Stoddard, his trainer, Judge Newton, representing the Coney Island Athletic club, Phil Dwyer, and Capt. Frank Williams, of the Crescent City Athletic club. When the party had assembled, McAuliffe asked Newton if he proposed to raise the ante of \$30,000.

"Yes," replied the judge, "I do, and my bid is \$45,000. McAuliffe then informed Newton that the amount was satisfactory, but he would first see what Capt. Williams had to say in the way of raising the amount. The New Orleans match-maker said he would first have to telegraph his club in New Orleans and await instructions before he could bid higher. McAuliffe then said he would sign articles of agreement to fight Burge before the Coney Island Athletic club for the \$45,000 purse, providing that the stipulations be made in the document that Dick Roche, his backer, would approve of the match. That being satisfactory to Newton, articles of agreement were drawn up and signed by McAuliffe. Newton also attached his signature and likewise acted as witness.

Republican Reverse in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 22.—The supreme court declined to issue a writ requiring the county clerk of Clay county to issue certificates of election to three republicans instead of to three independents who were declared elected to the legislature by small majorities. The latter had their names twice upon the ballot—once as independents and once as democrats. As it did not appear that any one had voted twice for the same man, the writ was not allowed. Had it been granted the republicans would have had a majority on joint ballot at the approaching session of the legislature.

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